INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

| Property/District Name: <u>Dixon/Dudderer Houses</u> | Survey Number: F:7-131 |
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| Project: <u>I-270/US 15 Multimodal Study, Montgomery and Freder</u> | ick Co. Agency: SHA |
| Site visit by MHT Staff: X no yes Name | Date |
| Eligibility recommended Eligibility not recommended | ed <u>X</u> |
| Criteria:AB _X CD Considerations:AB | CDEFGNone |
| Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necess | sary and attach map) |
| The property designated the Dixon/Dudderer Houses includes buil parcels (historically one) southeast of Urbana. The proper considered eligible for listing on the National Register of Houses | ty, south of Rte 355 is not |
| The Dixon/Dudderer Houses property includes a complex of buildi of land consisting of a mostly mid-20th-century farmstead and last quarter of the 19th century. The property was originall John Rine, a local tavern keeper. The two houses were built Dixons. | two frame dwellings from the yone large parcel, owned by |
| The two houses, located across from one another, are both dwellings. They sit upon low foundations and are covered with louse #1) is set within a complex of seven agricultural by ambrel roofed dairy barn, and all of which date to this centured #2) was built in 1873 for Mrs. Dudderer by her mother, Mrs. Charstory, three-bay dwelling was significantly expanded during the by Charles T. Dudderer, a barn builder. | gable roofs. The Dixon House uildings, including a large, by. The Dudderer House (House rles Dixon. The original two- |
| The Dixon/Dudderer Houses lack the architectural distinctived them for listing under Criterion C. Though the property emerge represents the growing agricultural development of Frederick common examples of their type and no longer retain sufficient in for listing under Criterion A. The area across the road from the farm, has been commercialized for use as a betting parlor as overall setting and historic feeling of the "place." The proping Dixon family, a locally known Frederick County family whose platthan minor, and is therefore not eligible under Criterion B. | d in the late 19th century and County, the properties are ntegrity of setting to qualify he dwellings, once part of the nd greatly detracts from the operty is associated with the |
| Documentation on the property/district is presented | in:MHT Inventory Files |
| Prepared by: Libbs Grampton, Parsons Engineering Science, MIT Cultural Resources Group Leader, SHA, DOE, 1996 AND MHT Fo | Perm (1995); Rita Suffness, |
| Kimberly Prothro Williams September Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services | 26 1996 Date |
| program concurrence: X yes no not applicable Reviewer, NR program | 30 A G |

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

| I. | Geographic Region: | |
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| x | | Prince George's and St. Mary's) (Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery) |
| | Western Maryland | (Allegany, Garrett and Washington) |
| II. | Chronological/Developmental Pe | riods: |
| X | Paleo-Indian Early Archaic Middle Archaic Late Archaic Early Woodland Middle Woodland Late Woodland/Archaic Contact and Settlement Rural Agrarian Intensification Agricultural-Industrial Transi Industrial/Urban Dominance Modern Period Unknown Period (prehisto | A.D. 1815-1870 A.D. 1870-1930 A.D. 1930-Present |
| III. | Prehistoric Period Themes: | IV. Historic Period Themes: |
| | Subsistence Settlement Political Demographic Religion Technology Environmental Adaptation | Agriculture X Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning Economic (Commercial and Industrial) Government/Law Military Religion Social/Educational/Cultural Transportation |
| v. R | esource Type: | |
| | Category: <u>Building</u> | |
| | Historic Environment: Rural_ | |
| | Historic Function(s) and Use(s |): <u>Domestic/Single Dwelling</u> |
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| | Known Design Source: | |

F-7-131 Dixon-Dudderer Houses Urbana, Maryland

HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHINSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont

Chronological/Developmental Period (s): Modern Industrial/Urban Dominance, A.D. 1870-1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme (s):

Agriculture Architecture

Resource Type:

Category: Buildings

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Functions and Use:

Domestic/single dwellings/residences Agriculture/subsistence/animal facilty/barns

Known Design Source: None

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES Form

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| name Mrs. | Merhle Geisler | and Mrs. Eleanor | Stup | |
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The properties on which the Dixon and Dudderer houses are located were carved out of the large Dixon property called "Many Makes One". The original house (Dixon House), ca. 1855, associated with one of the earliest generations of the family in the area is located on the southside of MD 355 and has been unsympathetically remodelled as the Peter Pan (a.k.a. Cracked Claw) Restaurant (F-7-73). It is a betting parlor.

By 1822 John Rine was operating a tavern on the opposite side of the Urbana Pike from the Dixon-Dudderer Houses in the general vicinity of the Cracked Claw restaurant. In 1848 he died and willed the property to his two daughters May Dronenberg and Lucy Dixon (Wills, Liber TS 1, Folio 42). In 1850 the land was divided, resulting in the acquisition of land by Thomas and Lucy Dixon.

Both the Dixon and Dudderer Houses were constructed for the Dixon descendants--the house now owned by Mrs. Geisler was built by Mrs. Lucy Dixon for her grandson and the house just west of it was constructed by Mrs. Charles Dixon for her daughter Mrs. Dudderer. Only the later house was retained in family ownership after the turn of the twentieth century. It is owned by Ms. Eleanor Stup.

Dudderer House

This house (dwelling 2 on sketch map) located at 3390 Urbana Pike, was constructed in 1873 for Mrs. Dudderer by her mother Mrs. Charles Dixon. It is a large, multi-part, vinyl clad structure oriented to the north and very close to the roadbed of the Urbana Pike. It originated as a simple two and one-half story, two-over-two structure with an ell on the south rear wall, now the location of a heavily remodeled kitchen. The gable roof, paralleling the flank of the structure, is interrupted by two gable end chimneys set inside the end walls. A one story, full width porch, carried on simplified Dork style columns, shelters the entrance, which projects beyond the forward plane of the structure on the first level. There are Queen Anne style windows in the angled side walls of this projection.

Charles T. Dudderer, who was a barn builder, greatly expanded the structure with a series of additions that he executed in the early decades of the twentieth century. The ell was raised to a full two and one-half stories, and a semi-octagonal bay constructed on the north elevation. The bay is surmounted by a cross gable with a rounded window near the apex of the roof.

The ell was extended across the full width of the rear of the structure, with an identical cross gable and semi-octagonal bay in the side (east) wall. This section on the southeast was further expanded with a one story addition surmounted by an open

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porch at the second level, which was in turn expanded again by a shed roof one story addition which terminates on the south with a screened porch.

The original two room structure was expanded on the east as well by a one story high porch with multiple six-over-six windows and a door centered in the north elevation. The entire structure is supported on a mortared fieldstone foundation. A small board and batten shed is located south of the end wall, and a vinyl clad garage is located off the southwest corner. A large brick chimney was constructed outside of the first ell addition.

This simple, ordinary vernacular structure is quite common in the area and apart from the Queen Anne windows, is entirely unremarkable. Because of extensive remodelling, especially of the kitchen located in the ell, removal of walls because of various expansions, use of composition shingles on the roof, and the extensive cladding of the exterior with vinyl siding, this building fails to convey a strong association with the past.

Dixon House

The Dixon property is a 14.23 acre remnant of a farm which was ten times larger as late as 1924 when it was owned by Willard Keller. Reputedly built by Mrs. Lucy Dixon for her grandson Samuel, it passed out of the Dixon family in 1893. The current owner Mrs. Geisler, acquiring it in 1937, found the farm in total disrepair with only two buildings remaining which pre-dated her acquisition--the dwelling and a small cow barn which has been converted to a residence. The bank barn was moved to the property by Mrs. Geisler's father, Mr. Gladhill, shortly after the sale, and the remaining buildings (barn, dairy, garage and dairy, etc.) were constructed after 1945. The integrity of the property was further eroded by a fire which occurred in 1973 and partially destroyed the main dwelling. The kitchen was enlarged to include a back porch, with a bedroom on the second level. The owners removed the center hall during their tenure on the property.

The dwelling is a two-and-one-half story tall, ell shaped frame structure on a fieldstone foundation. It is set within a complex of seven agricultural buildings. The structure has been clad with vinyl siding and some new pre-fabricated windows have been installed. The north facing entrance facade is three bays wide with a full width one story porch sheltering the centered entrance. A cross gable with a round headed window near the apex is in turn centered over the middle bay. The east end wall, or gable end, of this principal block is blank except for the round headed window near the roofline. The west end wall is the location of windows in the first and second stories of the south bay, also surmounted by two round-headed windows in the attic

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level. A large, two-story ell is positioned on the south, or rear of the principal structure, and continues the plane of the west end wall. A small bulkhead entrance to the basement is sheltered by a small frame addition to the rear. Considerable alteration of this structure has occurred. A wall vertical element, possibly a duct, has been framed in on the entrance facade next to the door and many original windows have been replaced.

The agricultural outbuildings fan out in an arc behind and south of the dwelling. A large dairy barn, with gambrel roof, ventilators and silos plus a concrete block dairy, constructed around 1945, are located amid fenced pasture southeast of the dwelling. Behind the house is the large bank barn, constructed of heavy members, which is built into a hill on the west. barn, with its gable roof paralleling the flank of the structure (oriented north-south), is accessed by a ramp on the east. A small structure is appended to the east wall and projects to the east perpendicular to the barn. Southwest of the house is a sixbay long garage, a part of which has been converted to commercial Further southwest of the house is the original small cow barn which has been converted to a residence. Covered with asbestos shingles and a standing seam metal roof, it is a rectangular structure oriented north-south with the gable roof paralleling the flank of the structure. It has been expanded on the south gable end with a shed roofed enclosed porch, and on the north with a shed roofed open porch. An addition along half of the west wall on the flank of this heavily modernized one-story building has also occurred.

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This complex of buildings, located on two contiguous parcels, are composed of a mostly mid-twentieth century farmstead and two modest, altered frame dwellings dating to the late nineteenth century. They are located on the eastern edge of the rural village of Urbana, on property formerly owned by John Rine, a local tavern keeper, who maintained his business on the north side of the Urbana Pike, probably across from these two houses. In 1848, as a result of the bequests in John Rine's will, the land passed to his two daughters. Lucy Dixon, one of the daughters, constructed the more southerly of the two houses for her grandson and Mrs. Charles Dixon, another descendent, constructed the other house for her daughter. Thus these two frame dwellings are significant for their association with the locally prominent Rine and Dixon families.

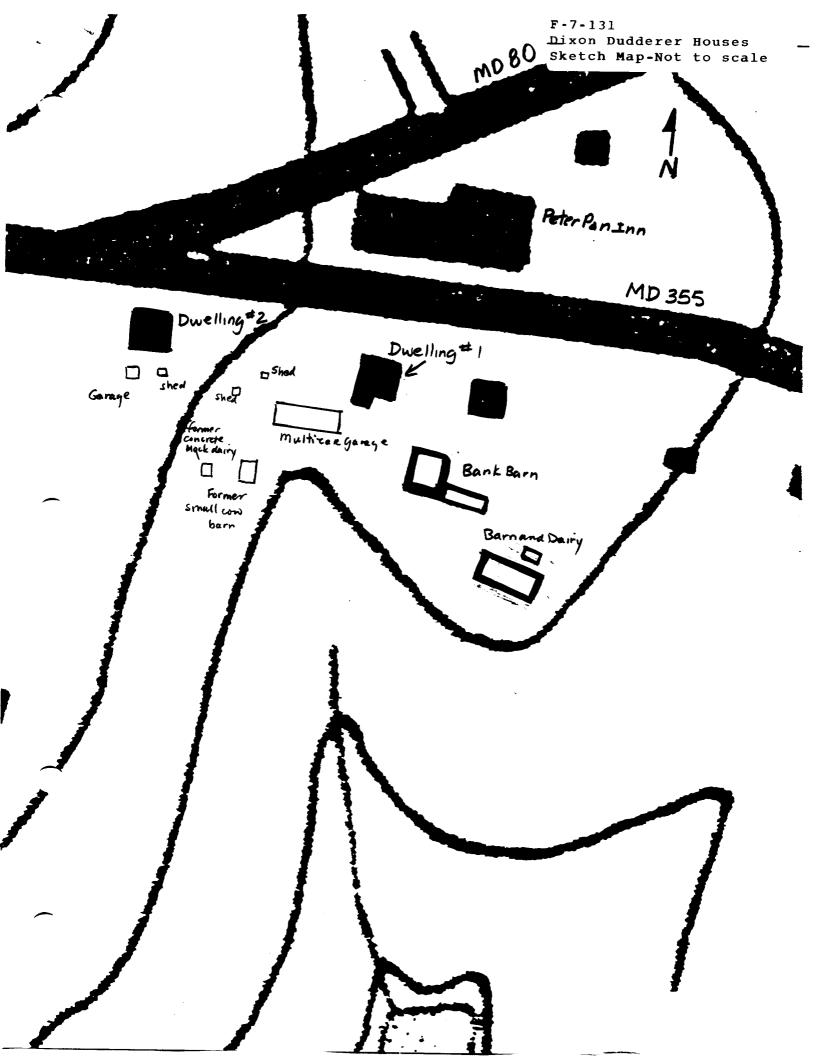
The Dixon-Dudderer Houses are marginally significant as examples of rural dwellings in Frederick County that were built by a prominent local family (Dixon). In addition, their construction reflects the growing agricultural development of Frederick County during the late 19th century. The region anticipated agricultural expansion of the hinterlands because of improved transportation networks provided by the C&O Canal (and Potomac Canal), new road network that focused on turnpikes between agricultural center and market or port, and the railroads, such as the B&O, in providing access to these same markets.

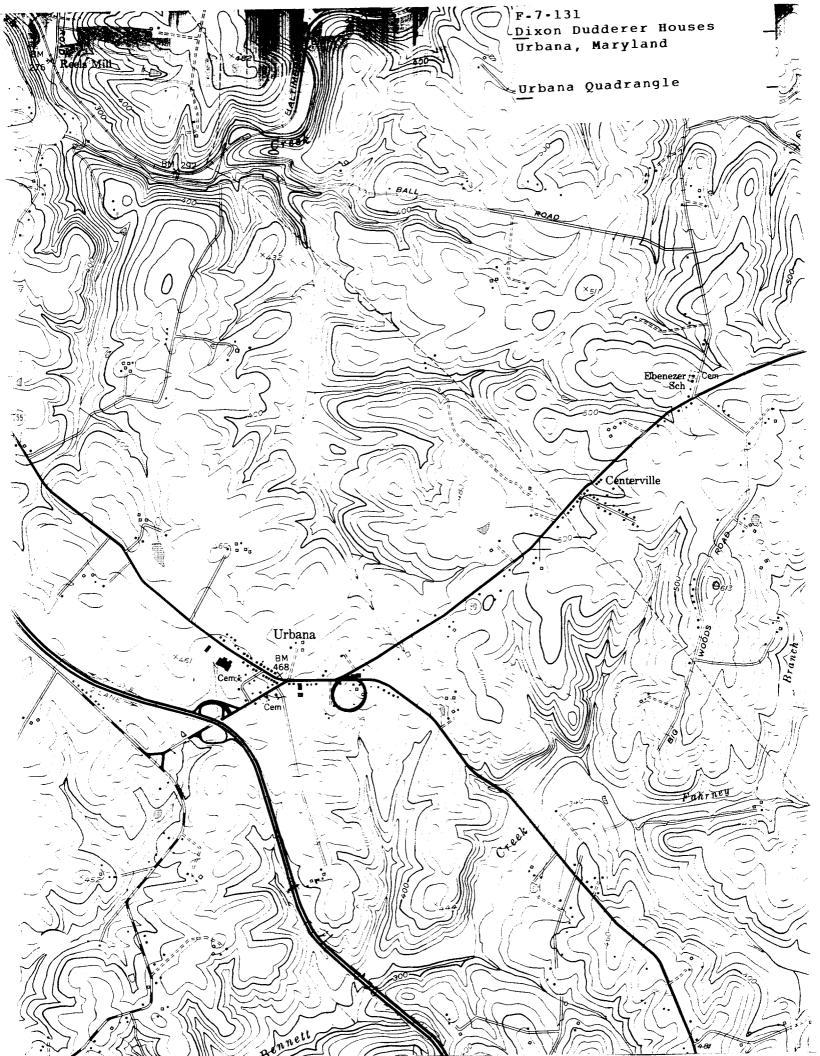
They are within the Piedmont geographic region, within the town of Urbana, adjacent to the former Frederick and Urbana turnpike (Route 355), and ca. five miles south of Frederick. Agriculture in Frederick County centered around the production of grains and cereals, and the county was the largest producer of wheat in the country by 1790. New and easier transportation modes made the region attractive for settlement, and the lands around Urbana were noted as highly productive and well improved. Crops grown in Urbana included: wheat, rye, corn, oats, potatoes and tobacco.

The Dixon-Dudderer Houses have been evaluated under National Register of Historic Places Criteria A, B, and C. This evaluation was made according to the Maryland Historical Trust's Statewide Historic Contexts. They may be considered significant under Criteria B for their association with the Dixon family. However, the houses do not appear to be eligible for listing regardless of the criteria as they no longer retain their integrity of design, material, workmanship, feeling and association. Modern additions have changed their footprint and other alterations to the buildings in the form of replacement windows and the composition shingles on the roof give the appearance of buildings more contemporary than nineteenth century farmhouses. The properties therefore, do not appear eligible

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under Criterion C for their architectural significance. In addition, the Dixon farm has been decimated in size and currently can be characterized as a mostly mid-twentieth farm on a ca. 14 acre parcel. While farming was an important enterprise in Frederick County, these particular houses do not appear to be especially significant in the context of county agriculture. There are other farmhouses in Frederick County that better exemplify this occupation, and that retain more of their historic integrity. The Dixon-Dudderer Houses, therefore, do not appear to qualify under Criterion A for their association with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns history, nor Criterion B or C. Evaluation under Criterion D must await archeological studies.







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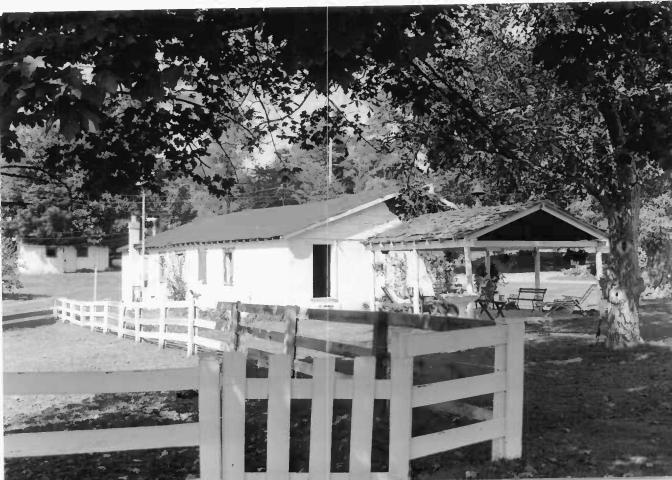
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